



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELERMINE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

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Council #14745

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The Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers Knights:

It's hard for me to express the emotions I had Sunday, January 9th, when the Council received its Charter from Supreme and the great turn out from are council, it is beyond words.

I will always be thankful to everyone of you for attending and making this Council possible, Thank You.

God Bless

Juan E Hinojosa
Grand Knight
Council 14745
Saint Roberts Bellarmine

2010 — 2011 Officers

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Juan Himjosa - Grand Knight
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Eugene Mantzey—Membership
Ron Rey—Church Activities Dir.
Paul Gros—Youth Activities Dir.
Volunteer—Community Act. Dir.
Volunteer—Council Activities Dir.

The "BISHOP'S BLAST" KofC Recruitment Drive February 12 & 13, 2011

A state-wide KofC membership drive is scheduled for the weekend of February 12th & 13th in all of our Parishes with the support of our Missouri Bishops.

A letter from our Missouri Bishops will be included in our Parish Bulletin the weekend of February 12th asking all Catholic men to consider membership in their local Knights of Columbus Council.

We will have members ready to talk to any interested Catholic men after all the Masses. I would ask you to talk to one of your Catholic friends and escort them back to the Parish Center.

I will also need volunteers to cover all of the Masses. Please call me at 816-228-8950 to volunteer and with questions.
Help me grow our council!

Fraternally yours,
Gene Mantzey,
Membership Director

Next Officer Meeting

**February 6th,
10:15 a.m.**

St. Robert's Rm. 124

Next Council Mtg.

**February 9th
7:30 p.m.**

**St. Roberts Parish
Center**

Membership Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Our Council is so new and so small that we need everyone of us working to grow our Council. Each of us needs to recruit our Catholic friends. As a Council we will either succeed or fail based not only on the number of new members but also how involved they become and we stay involved.

We have several 1st Degree ceremonies coming up in the next few months. Let's focus on getting new members signed up and ready to take their Degree on one of the following dates:

February 27, and March 8, & 20.

1st Degree members— Please hold open Sunday, March 20th to take your 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Several of us will be attending with you.

Please call myself, Ken Yunker, or Juan Hinojosa if you need recruitment materials and to refer prospective members.

Fraternally yours,

Gene Mantzey, Membership Director, 816-228-8950

Church Activities Director—Ron Rey

My Brother Knights:

The weekend of January 15 & 16th was "Roses for Life" weekend. As Knights we asked our fellow parishioners to stand with us as we send a united message to Washington in the fight against abortion. We had great support from our fellow Parishioners and 257 signed roses were sent to Senator Claire McCaskill, a known Pro-Choice supporter. Given that she must stand for re-election in 2012, maybe signifying our "political" position against this dreaded evil just might make a difference.

God Bless,

Ron

Parish Breakfast, February 27th After the 9 & 11am Masses

As you know the Men's Ministry and the Knights have responsibility to host the Coffee & Donuts on the fourth Sunday of each month. On Sunday, January 23rd, we served a hot biscuits, sausage and gravy breakfast for the Parish instead of coffee and donuts. When you consider the weather, it was a great success!

Assuming we don't have another major snow storm, we will serve egg & sausage casserole, biscuits, OJ, and coffee, Sunday Feb. 27th.

We need 3 volunteers to meet in the kitchen on Saturday the 26th at 10:00 AM to prepare the casseroles and 4 volunteers to work on Sunday starting at 10:30 thru the cleanup.

Please call or email Ron Rey to volunteer at 229-0783 or rrey3@att.net.

Brother Knights,

As the end of the year is coming to a close, I need to remind everyone that our annual dues are not tax deductible, but our donations to charities are - such as the RIB. If you need information what you gave for 2010 please send me an e-mail - hmarshjr@embarqmail.com. "Contributions, gifts, etc., paid or given to the Knights of Columbus, St Robert Bellarmine Council, 14745, are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes."

Thank you.

Henry Marsh, Financial Secretary

Better Communications

When possible, we try to use E-Mail to keep our members better informed of upcoming events, requests for volunteers, or other various notices. We currently have 38 members on our list. Please send your email ID to **Henry Marsh** hmarshjr@embarqmail.com

This will save your council expense and improve your knowledge of what's going on!



Youth Activities Director—Paul Gros

My Brother Knights,

In cooperation with Council 6506, we conducted our annual Basket Ball Free Throw Contest for our Parish Youth on January 29th at the St. John LaLande parish gym. While we did not have a large number of our Parish Youth attend, the boys and girls that did come had a great time and hopefully next year we will have better attendance.

Given that this was our first time for running this program it was a great learning opportunity and I want to thank Tom Webb and Council 6506 for all their help and support.

Our next project is our annual Essay and Poster contests. More info to come.

Fraternally yours,
Paul



4th Degree Exemplification March 19th, KCI Airport Hilton

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called "assemblies"). Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in their council to remain in good standing with the Fourth Degree.

Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

For additional information, please contact our Grand Knight, Juan E Hinojosa at (816) 220-3484.

Support for our Primary Fund-Raiser

Brothers, it is time to commit to the Optimists for next year's volunteers. This is our main fund-raiser; without it we could not do the work we do without being in a constant fund-raising mode. Please consider donating 4 hours on six different Sundays over the next 12 months—that's all! It's the easiest money we could ever earn—during 2010 we earned **\$ 3,000**. Please call Matt Minx at 697-4175 or email him at matt.minx@sprint.com to volunteer. We also need a couple of Brothers that would be willing to be an alternate a couple of times a year to fill in for a Brother that can't make their assignment.

Fraternally yours,
Matt Minx

What Should Our Meetings Nights Look Like?

In November we began the discussion on how we want our regular business meeting nights to look. Unfortunately, we were not able to discuss the topic since. Please think about this topic and be prepared to discuss it at this month's meeting.

We will always have an hour or so of Council business to conduct and that will follow a specific protocol, but beyond that, we can structure the evening as we wish.

Just a few ideas:

- Pray the rosary before or after the meeting,
- Have a meal before the meeting,
- Have a meal after the meeting,
- Have light refreshments after the meeting,
- Breakup into smaller groups to play various board or card games after the meeting,
- Other possibilities?



Council Activities Report

Have you gotten your KofC Council Shirt?

We have M, L & XL for \$ 7.00 and XXL for \$ 8.50.

Contact Ken Yunker to reserve your shirt.

We will also have them at the monthly meetings.

Ken Yunker
229-2587
or email:
kyunker@swbell.net

**Important Dates
Please Mark Your Calendar**

**St. Robert's Men's Group
Prayer Breakfast & Meeting
Feb. 5, 8a.m. Parish Center
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**St. Robert's Men's Group
Chili Dinner
Feb. 5, 3—6 p.m. Parish Center
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Officer Meeting
Feb. 6, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**Parish Breakfast Prep.
Feb. 26, 10 a.m.
Parish Center
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Parish Breakfast
Feb. 27, After 9 & 11 Masses
Men's Group has set-up &
the 9 a.m. Mass
KofC has the 11 a.m. Mass &
clean-up, Parish Center
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Officer Meeting
Mar. 6, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**4th Degree Exemplification
Mar. 19, 12 noon
KCI Airport Hilton**

**Officer Meeting
Apr. 3, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**St. Robert's Parish
Fish Fry
Apr. 15, 4-7 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**K of C State Convention
Apr. 29– May 1
Jefferson City, MO**

**KofC Trivia Night
May 7th
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**For the Good
of the Order**

We pray for

- ...all the unborn and especially the aborted.

- ...an increase in vocations.

- ...our brother Knights and their families that are ill or in distress.

...the families of all our fallen brothers.

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